

TO: Chairman and Members

DATE: May 12, 2011

**SUBJECT: Probation and Court-Based Alternatives
(PCBA) Grant Funding**

AGENDA ITEM: D

RESOURCE PERSON: Oscar E. Villegas

**ACTION: X
INFORMATION:**

Summary: This agenda item requests approval of eight (8) grant awards for the Probation and Court-Based Alternatives Project, as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) and by the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP). This is a one-year grant program utilizing \$1.5 million in unexpended Title II Formula Block Grant Funds.

Background: In August of 2010, a total of \$1.5 million statewide was set aside to fund a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) with the goal of supporting strategies that reduce the number of non-violent youth being placed into secure detention. In October 2010, the SACJJDP appointed one of its members, Mr. Winston Peters, to chair the ESC tasked with oversight of the RFP development. Six other juvenile justice subject matter experts also participated on this ESC and met in November and December 2010 to discuss project eligibility, funding amounts and rating criteria. In January, the SACJJDP and the CSA Board authorized staff to release an RFP which was sent to all Probations Chiefs, Presiding Juvenile Court Judges, and was placed on the Department of General Services grants registry, as well as on the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) website. In March, CSA received 18 proposals in response to the RFP. These proposals were subsequently rated by the ESC and funding recommendations were presented and approved by the SACJJDP at their meeting on April 13th. The SACJJDP unanimously approved the recommendations and the list of grant awards is before you today for your approval.

The strategies being implemented by the counties with these grant funds will focus on reducing the number of non-violent youth in secure detention through changes in how county probation departments and courts address violations of probation (VOPs), failures to appear (FTAs), and bench warrants. The recommended list includes a wide range of proposals and funding amounts as applicants were allowed to apply for up to \$300,000 per proposal.

Upon executing grant agreements (contracts) in July, CSA will immediately conduct a grantee briefing workshop to determine the best data-collection strategies. The intent during this one year grant period is to collect sufficient data to develop an understanding of what worked and what didn't and to share this information with other counties throughout the state.

Assuming approval of the recommended grant awards the grant period will begin effective July 1, 2011.

Recommendation/Action Needed: Staff is recommending the CSA Board approve the recommended list of grant awards for the Probation and Court-Based Alternative Project.

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Recommended List of Probation and Court-Based Alternatives (PCBA)
Grant Awards

May 12, 2011

1. Lake County	\$83,376
2. Stanislaus County	\$230,478
3. Santa Cruz County	\$217,373
4. Sacramento County	\$261,290
5. San Francisco County	\$207,363
6. Alameda County	\$300,000
7. Fresno County	\$50,492
8. Santa Clara County	\$149,628
TOTAL	\$1,500,000